

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET REQUEST

SUMMARY JUSTIFICATION • MAY 2009



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On behalf of the President, I am pleased to transmit to Congress this volume that presents the Department of Defense's budget request of \$533.8 billion for Fiscal Year 2010.

The purpose of the Secretary's Summary Justification is to inform Congress and provide the American people a clear understanding of how their tax dollars are being invested to provide for our Nation's defense. It includes:

- An explanation of the Department's missions, accomplishments, and priorities;*
- A summary of the request by Military Department and Defense agencies;*
- Information on special areas of interest and emphasis for Fiscal Year 2010; and*
- Details on the Department's major weapons programs.*

The Military Departments and Defense agencies will provide Congress with additional detailed justification materials on this request.

The requested funds would: provide military pay, benefits, and world-class healthcare for 2.3 million Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen (\$163.9 billion); support military operations and force readiness (\$160.9 billion); invest in modernization (\$186.1 billion); and support family housing and facilities (\$23.0 billion).

In addition to the \$533.8 billion request, the Administration requests \$130.0 billion for Fiscal Year 2010 to support ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations. This funding will allow for an increase of efforts in Afghanistan while we responsibly draw down troops from Iraq.

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